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SUBJECT: FEDERAL HOUSING COMMISSIONER SIMONS' ATTENDANCE AT
"CONCRETE '77"

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1. WE PROPOSE THAT COMMISSIONER SIMONS OFFICIALLY OPEN "CONCRETE '77"
SEMINAR/MINI-EXHIBIT ON SEPTEMBER 27. WE SUGGEST THAT HE
BE INTRODUCED BY EITHER AMBASSADOR OR DCM, AND THEN SPEAK FOR ABOUT
FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE FORMALLY DECLARING THE SEMINAR OPEN.

2. FOLLOWING IS OUTLINE OF SOME OF THE POINTS WE SUGGEST MR. SIMONS'
MIGHT COVER.

(1) COURTESIES -

A. EXPRESS PLEASURE AT OPENING OF SEMINAR WELCOME TO VISITORS.

B. EXPRESSION OF SATISFACTION WITH OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT USSR.
(FIRST TIME?). IF NOT FIRST TIME, REMARK ABOUT PREVIOUS.

C. COMMENT ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY HARRIS.

D. WORD OF THANKS TO SOVIET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND
TO GOSSTROY (STATE COMMITTEE FOR CONSTRUCTION AFFIARS).

(II) INITIAL IMPRESSIONS OF SOVIET CONSTRUCTION

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A. NOTE THAT USSR IS A LEADER IN CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION.

B. REMARK ABOUT SOME OF THE BUILDING METHODS MR. SIMONS
WILL HAVE SEEN.

C. NOTE MAJOR PROJECTS VISITED, IF ANY.

D. FOCUS ON USEFULNESS OF SEMINAR FOR SHARING IDEAS ABOUT
CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION.

(III) BRIEF REVIEW OF PARTICIPANTS IN "CONCRETE '77"

A. POLYMER CONCRETE, MODULAR HOUSING, LASER ALIGNMENT
METHODS, CONCRETE PIPE, SLIP FORMING, ETC.

B. NOTE THAT SOME COMPANIES WILL BE
NEW TO SOVIET MARKET, OTHERS "OLD FIRENDS".

(IV) FEW REMARKS ON HOUSING (MULTIPLE DWELLINGS) CONSTRUCTION IS
U.S.

A. CITE SOME STATISTICS RELATING TO CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION.

B. FUTURE REQUIREMENTS IN U.S. (AND PERHAPS ELSEWHERE) FOR
MULTIPLE DWELLINGS.

C. TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS--NOTHING IMPORTANCE OF BETTER
HOUSING CONSTRUCTION METHODS TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF
LIFE, NOT ONLY IN U.S. BUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

3. WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS OF REMARKS ON (I) AND (III).
EXTENT OF REMARKS UNDER (II) WILL OF COURSE DEPEND ON COMMISSIONER
SIMONS' EXPERIENCES IN USSR. BELIEVE THAT HUD IS IN BEST POSITION
TO PREPARE DETAILS FOR (IV). PLEASE ADVISE.
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